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House Resolution 1000

By: Representative Porter of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of David E. Nordan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of David E.
- 3 Nordan; and
- 4 WHEREAS, David E. Nordan was a journalist of national prominence who was greatly
- 5 admired by his peers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he worked for more than a decade as a political editor and writer for the Atlanta
- 7 Journal and, during his notable career, he wrote many pieces concerning the Georgia General
- 8 Assembly as well as important national political issues facing our country; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was widely recognized in the journalism community as being one of the first
- 10 reporters to predict that President Jimmy Carter had a realistic chance of winning the
- presidency, and he wrote a series of colorful and insightful accounts of President Carter's
- successful campaign and his inauguration in 1977; and
- 13 WHEREAS, David E. Nordan also made important contributions to many local publications,
- 14 including Atlanta Magazine and the Gwinnett Daily News; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in addition to his acclaimed political reporting, as a native of rural North
- 16 Carolina with a deep love for the Appalachian Mountains, he wrote evocative magazine and
- 17 newspaper articles about life in the South; and
- 18 WHEREAS, later in life, he passed along his experiences and insights about journalism and
- 19 the craft of writing through his work as an instructor at several Georgia colleges; and
- 20 WHEREAS, his love for journalism was only surpassed by his love for his two wonderful
- 21 daughters, Liz and Kelly; and

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1 WHEREAS, David E. Nordan was an honorable gentleman, a true scholar, a talented and

- 2 outspoken journalist, and a good friend to many, and he will be sorely missed by all who
- 3 knew him; and
- 4 WHEREAS, it is said that there is no better eulogy for a journalist than to say he was a great
- 5 reporter, and David E. Nordan was a great reporter.
- 6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 7 the members of this body join in honoring the life of David E. Nordan, remembering him for
- 8 the many contributions he made to the citizens of this state, and expressing their sincere
- 9 sorrow at his passing.
- 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of David E.
- 12 Nordan.